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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Michaluk)	Examiner: Lois L. Zheng
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Application Number: 10/042,549)	Group Art Unit: 1742
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For: TANTALUM AND NIOBIUM BILLETS AND METHODS OF PRODUCING THE SAME

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 9, 2006

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination. A Petition for a Two-month Extension of Time and the requisite fees are being submitted herewith, thus making this submission of the Request for Continued Examination with an Amendment proper and timely.

Amendments to the Claims begin at page 2 of this paper.

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